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ATTENTION: FUNERAL HOMES

Printer Inks

The Vital Records office wants to bring to the attention of funeral homes that the use of solid ink products in printers and copiers is not appropriate. Not all ink products meet needed archival quality which is required by the State. Although there may be some advantages to the use of these ink products, Vital Records is requesting that funeral homes review the ink products they are currently using.

The ink in these products is of a wax nature and is subject to problems and disadvantages when used. The ink can be easily removed from the surface of the paper through the printing process. Inks of this nature have a lower melting point and can become soft and smear on the death certificate when passed through laser printers and copiers. The ink is also sensitive to sunlight and can cause the ink to fade over time.

The Vital Records office is requesting that funeral homes not use this form of ink product. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and believe by working together we can maintain the quality of the death records for Nebraska families.